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SUBJECT: SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE: FIRST FORMAL DRAFT

REFS: A. USNATO 4922; B. STATE 125984; C. STATE 125982;
D. USNATO 4908; E. STATE 122357

1. WE HAVE NO INTRINSIC PROBLEM WITH NATO IS DRAFT
COMMUNIQUE IN REF A. WE STILL BELIEVE IT LACKS THE
FLAIR CALLED FOR BY A MEETING OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AND
WE WOULD URGE THE ALLIES TO TAKE UP THE FRENCH SUGGESTION
(REF D) TO BROADEN THE COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE. PER REF B,
WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO DRAW APPROPRIATELY
FROM THE PROPOSED "DECLARATION OF WASHINGTON."

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2. THE ORGANIZATION OF THE PARAGRAPHS, HOWEVER, STILL
CONFOUNDS US. FOR EXAMPLE, ARMS CONTROL SHOULD PRECEDE
CCMS. THE ALLIES NEED TO DEVELOP A MORE COHERENT
ORDERING OF THE MATERIAL. IN THE EDITING PROCESS
SOME OF THE MATERIAL MIGHT ALSO BE CONSOLIDATED AS
APPROPRIATE TO AVOID REDUNDANCIES.

3. GIVEN GREEK RESERVATIONS REPORTED REF C, WE ARE PREPARED TO DROP PARA 12 OF THE DRAFT COMMUNIQUE.

4. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A PARAGRAPH ON THE MIDEAST ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

QUOTE. HAVING CONSIDERED THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST,

----- THE MINISTERS WERE GRATIFIED TO NOTE THAT NEGOTIATIONS AIMING AT A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT IN THE AREA CONTINUE. EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT THIS PROCESS WILL NOT FALTER, THEY URGED THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO REDOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS, BOTH DIRECT AND INDIRECT, TO REACH A JUST AND LASTING PEACE. END QUOTE.

5. SINCE MANY DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS CENTRALLY INTERESTED IN THE COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ARE NOW IN BRUSSELS, WE SUGGEST YOU OBTAIN THEIR COMMENTS REGARDING DEFENSE ISSUES.

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